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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed June 18, 2003, the undersigned representative elects, without traverse, Group II, Claims 8-17, drawn to an apparatus for converting nitric oxide in exhaust gas into nitrogen dioxide.

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed June 18, 2003, the Examiner imposed a restriction requirement pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121, alleging that the instant application presented two distinct inventions, as follows:

- I. Claims 1-7, drawn to a non-thermal plasma reactor, classified in class 422, subclass 186+; and
- II. Claims 8-17, drawn to an apparatus for converting nitric oxide in exhaust gas into nitrogen dioxide, classified in class 422, subclass 186+.